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(c) if so, which they are; and

(d) in which other departments of the Government this acting allowance is granted?

A.—(a) Clerks who are substantive in the lower division are not given officiating allowance when they officiate in the upper division in the Secretariat. The attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the answer to question No. 317 given on 3rd November 1933.

(b) & (c) No.

(d) Officiating promotion from the lower to the upper division posts of clerks as such has not been allowed in any department. Officiating promotion has however been allowed to certain posts such as head clerks or head accountants included in the upper division where the incumbents of such posts exercise definite duties of supervision and control over the work of other clerks.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether, with regard to this identical question, the Government have promised to consider the question in view of the anomaly that was pointed out?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"No orders have been issued yet."

Administration of Justice

Delay in filling vacancies in the Judicial Department.

* 856 Q.—Mr. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many permanent vacancies there are of District Judges, Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs up to date;

(b) for how long these permanent vacancies have been kept without being filled up;

(c) whether it is a fact that in other departments of the Government, permanent vacancies are filled up immediately; and

(d) what the special reasons are, if any, why in the Judicial Department permanent vacancies are not filled up for a considerably long time?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) A statement [a] regarding District Judges and Subordinate Judges is laid on the table. Officiating arrangements have been made in the posts referred to in the list. The question of filling them up permanently has been engaging the attention of Government for some time past and orders will be issued shortly. Confirmation of District Munsifs vests in the High Court.

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Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" May I know whether and when the Government are going to fill up the vacancies referred to in the list given in the appendix? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government will fill up these vacancies permanently soon."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is a proposal for direct recruitment for these posts from the Bar? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Electricity

Failure of the licensee of the Calicut Electric Installation to carry out the terms of the licence.

* 857 *Q.*—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government granted licence to any one for installation of electricity in Calicut town, and, if so, when and to whom;

(*b*) what the conditions are under which the licence, if any, was granted and whether such conditions were fulfilled and whether such licensee has carried out the purpose of the licence;

(*c*) whether the Government had reason to know that the licensee is not in a position to carry out the purpose of the licence;

(*d*) whether the Municipal Council, Calicut, ever asked the Government to grant the licence to them for the installation of electricity in Calicut, and, if so, whether the Government refused to comply with the request, and why;

(*e*) whether the Government had approved of the proposal of the licensee to assign the licence to any third party and whether the request of the Municipal Council, Calicut, to grant the licence to them was before the Government when they approved of the proposal to transfer the licence;

(*f*) what the conditions are on which the proposed transfer of the licence was approved of by the Government and whether those conditions have been fulfilled and whether the transfer has been completed;

(*g*) if not, whether there is any time-limit for the fulfilment of such conditions and, if so, what the period is within which the conditions ought to be fulfilled; and

(*h*) if the transfer is not completed, whether the Government had considered the advisability of granting licence to the municipality?

A.—(*a*) Yes; in December 1927 to Mr. K. C. Menon of Calicut.

(*b*) The terms of the licence are published in Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 20th December 1927. The licensee complied with the conditions of the licence in the first instance.